

## PORTSMOUTH LOCAL NEWS AND ADVERTISEMENTS

## PORTSMOUTH AND NORFOLK COUNTY

## What Virginian-Pilot Representatives Hear Daily.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST

## The Movements of People in Whom the Average Reader is Interested—Happenings in Legal, Business, Religious and Social Circles—A Forecast of Future Events.

Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen will fill the pulpit at the Centreville Baptist Church to-day. This is one of the churches which desire Dr. Owen as pastor.

Mrs. N. E. Lufford and son have gone to Glasgow. Mrs. Lufford's mother is a resident of that city, and is seriously ill, hence the trip.

Congressman R. A. Wise is doing his utmost to get a public building for Portsmouth. He appeared before the Congressional Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings Friday and advocated an appropriation of \$100,000 for that purpose.

The accomplished singer, Mrs. Auspach, from Lynchburg, is expected to render a solo meeting at 8 o'clock at Court Street Presbyterian Church to-day.

The continued rain is causing much sickness.

There is another flat wheel on one of the Portsmouth Street Railroad cars which brings back the old thumpy bump which annoyed the public so long.

The case of Mr. Wm. Sealing vs. Mr. Nat Denby, charged with an assault, was continued from yesterday until next Tuesday.

There are a number of small boys who are in the habit of touching the street cars with their hands as they pass along the streets. The practice is dangerous to one, sooner or later will result in an accident.

Mrs. Martha Williamson, of Baltimore, arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to relatives.

Brown's Hotel wants two young men to act as waiters.

Anderson & Thompson advertises wall papering in all the latest styles.

Emmett Deans advertises 6 pair all-wool 12-4 blankets for sale at \$4.39, former price, \$6.50. Call and see them.

The Brandt Company tells you that this is the bargain month. Clothes will be sold at a sacrifice and must be sold quickly to make room for others that will shortly be coming in. These \$7.45 suits are especially unheard of for quality and style. They also tell you about those \$2.50 shoes which are equal to any in the United States.

The New York Clothing Company tells you that to-morrow will be the commencement of the second week of their semi-annual sale, and that notwithstanding the continued rain, that their sale last week was fair, but of course, not what it would have been had it been good weather. As there are but two weeks left and the goods are going, you had better call early and secure a bargain. See their advertisement for prices.

There will be two special sermons preached to-night, one to the members of Ocean Council, R. A., at St. John's Church, and another at Central Church to the members of the J. O. U. A. M. Both of them no doubt turn out in large numbers.

The January term of the Norfolk County Court begins to-morrow. There are but eight cases to come before the grand jury. This is the greatest number for months.

A valuable setter dog belonging to Mr. Johnson was run over yesterday and killed by a delivery wagon.

The funeral of Miss Seymour will be conducted at the grand old Cedar Grove Cemetery this afternoon.

Mr. Wm. Fleming, son of Mr. Caleb Fleming, of this city, lost a child from diphtheria yesterday in Berkeley.

There was more poetry in market yesterday than there has been since Christmas.

Under the resolution of the School Board, a number of children who are non-residents of the city, are likely to leave the school.

The Hebrew Synagogue will not be moved from off of High street to the lot that has been purchased until about the first of June.

There was another heavy fog yesterday morning, which lasted for some time.

The motion for a new trial for the negro Tate, who is under conviction for murder in the first degree, will come up during this term of court.

Capt. R. P. Bunting still continues sick at the Cottage Hospital.

A small colored boy accidentally shot himself through the hand with a Robert rifle yesterday. He was attended by Dr. McMurran.

The members of Peabody Council, O. U. A. M., are requested to assemble at their hall this evening at 8 o'clock for the purpose of attending religious services at Central.

Mr. Wm. Archer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. James in Park View.

Mr. John Thomas James, Sr., of Prince George Anne county, died last Friday morning. He had been suffering with asthma and heart trouble.

The Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company have just received two large 16-wheel engines to be used on their line through Georgia. They were especially designed and built for the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and cost about \$10,000 each.

See store and dwelling for rent in Francis Place.

A young man advertises for a position. See advertisement.

The funeral of Mr. Ellen Mounts will take place this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Paul's Catholic Church.

The Baltimore mail arrived last night at 11:20 o'clock.

Captain George W. B. McDonnell yesterday secured two Virginia flags for Mrs. W. H. Hughes, of Raleigh, who will present at the Virginia Booth in this city at the National Fair.

Three connecting rooms, suitable for house-keeping, is advertised for rent. Store, corner of Washington and P. See advertisement.

Mr. L. W. Green, of 300 Crawford street, is quite sick with the grippe.

Mrs. Eva Van Patten offers her services as a dress-maker. Call at 422 Columbia street.

Charles R. Welton & Co. is advertising cheap hose.

Mr. Samuel D. Locke is quite sick at his residence, 619 Green street.

Miss Mollie Trevis is confined to her home on County street with a grippé.

## THE STREET CAR SERVICE.

"One of the Suffering and Ever Patient Citizens" Protests Against the Action of the Company.

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 11, 1899. Editor Virginian-Pilot.

Portsmouth Office:

Gentlemen,—Will you kindly give me enough to make plain some of the happenings of the Portsmouth Street Railway Company? I want to ask you, if the City Council is asleep, to allow the people to be thus imposed upon, after their property has been given to a corporation that neither recognizes nor cares for the rights of the public. The company runs all kinds of schedules; all kinds of old tenders; as many cars and as few cars as suits it; and yet the Council, which gave away the people's rights, sits idly by and allows the company to commit all sorts of outrages on the poor patient people of Portsmouth.

Here is what happened yesterday. Read this; it is only one case in many hundreds of a similar nature:

A lady living on North street, near Court, having business on County street, crossed the ferry, and then got back to the ferry. She asked for a transfer, and was told she would have to pay a fare to the ferry and then go back with them to the corner of County and Godwin streets, and there transfer to County street car, the worst place in this vicinity. School children from Park View attending the High School must get two transfers and wait on the corner of County and Godwin streets. A lady yesterday demanded her fare and walked in preference to waiting on that corner.

Is this fair? Is it just? Is it in accordance with the terms of the contract made with the city when the company secured the use of its streets? Think over this matter!

Very truly yours,

"ONE OF THE SUFFERING AND EVER PATIENT CITIZENS."

## THE B. Y. P. UNION.

The following program will be rendered at the B. Y. P. U. meeting to-morrow (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock in the lecture-room of the Court Street Baptist Church:

Prayer..... Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen

Scripture Reading..... 23

Violin Solo..... Miss Florence Durham

Tenor Solo..... "Faith, Hope and Love"

James E. Duncan

Address..... "The Light Side of Things"

Rev. P. C. Rogers, 18 m.

Hymn..... 195

Duet..... "Dark, Dark, My Soul"

Mrs. W. H. Dashiell and Miss Eleanora

Marlin

Violin Solo..... Miss Florence Durham

Quartet..... "Breathin' an Evening Blessing"

Tenor, James E. Duncan and Blackwell Holland; bass, John Drew and P. C. Dozier

Hymn..... 196

Benediction..... Rev. Dr. A. E. Owen

The public is cordially invited to be present. No admission is charged at these meetings, but every one who attends is expected to put something in the silver offering box at the door.

## NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Lieutenant G. T. Eames, placed on the retired list.

Lieutenant Commander W. W. Kimball, ordered to command the Glaciar.

Lieutenant F. C. Eames, detached from the Indiana and ordered to the Bureau of Equipment.

Lieutenant G. H. Reynolds, detached from the Bureau of Equipment and ordered to the Franklin.

Lieutenant J. A. Bell, detached from the navy-yard, New York, and ordered to the League Island Navy-yard.

Lieutenant G. H. Stanford, detached from the Peabody and ordered to Guam on the Yamacraw.

Lieutenant G. B. Evans, ordered to the New York Navy-yard.

Lieutenant L. M. Garrett, detached from the New York Navy-yard and ordered to the Indiana.

Lieutenant D. C. Eames, detached from the Pacific and ordered to the Matthehead.

Lieutenant Commander J. F. J. Kelley, ordered to the navy-yard, New York.

Assistant Surgeon J. J. Snyder, ordered to the Peabody.

Lieutenant W. S. Scobee, detached from command of the Glaciar and ordered home.

## AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM.

The Missionary Society of Owens Memorial Church will hold its meeting this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following is the program:

Solo..... Miss Anna Bowman

Recitation..... Miss Carrie Nash

Duet..... Messrs. Walton and Hays

Recitation..... Miss Annie Cherry

Solo..... Mr. Hugh Steele

Address..... Dr. Young, of Epworth Church, Norfolk.

A cordial invitation to all.

## THE COMING GREEK TEA.

A Greek Tea, one of the most novel and interesting entertainments, will be held at the residence of Mrs. M. S. Hart, corner Webster Avenue and A street, Tuesday evening, January 17th, for the benefit of Park View M. E. Church. Maidens from Athens, with their gowns, and in a serious condition, will entertain the visitors, while dances from the same country will be given by the ladies themselves.

## THE FUNERAL TO-DAY.

The remains of Miss Sallie Howard Newberry, who died in Williamsburg, will leave here to-day about midday by the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. The ceremony will be held at the grave in Cedar Grove Cemetery at 1 o'clock. Immediately upon the arrival of the steamer the body will be conveyed to the cemetery, reaching there about the time specified.

## A DISGUSTING SIGHT.

Yesterday morning four small boys, not more than eight years old, were walking up High street with a cigarette in their mouths puffing away like old stagers. The sight was a disgusting one. There is a law that forbids dealers selling to minors, and if enforced a number of merchants would get themselves in trouble.

Try our 15c boys' black hose, two pairs for 25c. Heavy ribbed. Charles I. Welfon & Co.

## THE CAUSE OF RELIGION.

The Gospel and the Churches in Which It Will Be Preached.

Court Street Baptist Church, Dr. A. E. Owen, pastor.—Services to-day as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. M. Pitcher, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Sunday School and Bible Board of the Grand Association of Virginia.

Court Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor.—Services as follows: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "Christian Obligations." Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. Preaching at 8 p. m. Subject: "Christian Bravery."

A warm welcome to all, especially to strangers. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, North Portsmouth, Dr. A. E. Owen, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, Rev. C. D. Gilkison. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

St. Paul's Catholic Church, Rev. T. J. Brady, pastor.—First mass at 7 a. m.; church mass at 8 a. m.; high mass at 10:30 a. m.; vespers and benediction at 7:30 p. m. Gloria's mass will be rendered at high mass, and Meca-donia's vespers at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. J. P. Keefe, of Norfolk, will assist the choir at the 10 a. m. mass. Gloria's mass will be rendered at the 5 a. m. mass. Christmas and will be repeated with a full choir at 10:30 a. m. to-day.

Wright Memorial M. E. Church, Rev. R. B. Eggleston, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject: "Presumption Sins" at night, "The Relation We Sustain to Our Sinned Dead."

Central M. E. Church, South, Rev. R. F. Decker, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Subject: "Some of the Foes that Threaten Our Government and Our Religion."

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## THE PLANS OF THE SEABOARD

## John Skelton Williams Makes an Official Statement.

## SOON REACH A DECISION

Various Rumors Abundant in Reference to Connections With the Baltimore and Ohio Road at Washington—No Plans on Foot For the Extension of the Road Into Washington—Other Interesting Notes.

The Baltimore Herald of yesterday is authority for the following statement in reference to the plans of the Seaboard road:

"Argument on the demurrer to the suit filed in the Baltimore City Circuit Court by Thomas P. Ryan, of New York, for the enforcement of an alleged contract with Louis McLane and others for the sale of certain Seaboard and Roanoke railroad stock, will be finished Monday, Bernard Carter, of the counsel for the plaintiffs, completed his address yesterday, and ex-Attorney General John P. Poe began his argument. The case will probably be held sub curia by Judges Wickers and Stockbridge. On the decision depends the success of the purchase of the Seaboard Air Line by the syndicate headed by John Skelton Williams, of Richmond."

"Various rumors were afloat yesterday to the effect that the syndicate contemplated eventually making a connection with the Baltimore and Ohio road, by a line from Washington to an independent line from Quantico and bridging the Potomac. A story purporting to give the plans of the syndicate was published in an afternoon paper. Last night the following statement was given out:

"Mr. Williams criticized the statement, and said, with reference to the right of the Seaboard to use the tracks of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac road, that he knew of no such provision in the charter of that company, and that no negotiations with reference to the use of the latter's tracks beyond Richmond had ever been entered into. The Seaboard is a complete system, as it stands at present, from Norfolk and Portsmouth to Atlanta, and if it should ever be that the extension from Ridgeway to Petersburg is completed, it should add value to the system."

"We have," said he, "no plans on foot for the extension of the line to Washington, where, the article says, connections are to be made with the Baltimore and Ohio road. The Seaboard system does not make a physical connection with the Florida Central and Peninsular Railroad, and